GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DIPLOMATIC RELATION WITH AFGHANISTAN AFTER HIJACKING PLANE
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of cooperation extended by Afghanistan Government to resolve the hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814 at Kandahar;

(b) Whether the Afghanistan Government have asked for diplomatic relations with India; and

(c) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) The Taliban authorities in Kandahar who permitted the hijacked Indian Airlines flight IC-814 to land at Kandahar Airport, provided food and other facilities to the passengers and the aircraft. While adopting an attitude of correct facilitators, they consistently had their sympathies with the hijackers and their other supporters.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) Does not arise.